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Appointments to the Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board

OTTAWA, January 20, 1995 Canadian Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy today announced the following appointments to the Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board : Mr. Ian Davidson, Vancouver, British Columbia; Ms. Olga Korper, Toronto, Ontario; Mr. Stephen B. Smart, Toronto, Ontario; and Ms. Susan Whitney, Regina, Saskatchewan. The nominations are for three-year terms and follow the appointment, in November, of Mr. Ian Christie Clark, as Chairman of the Review Board. Mr. Clark is the founding Chairman of the Review Board (1977), and recently retired as President of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

Architect, art collector and lecturer in architecture, Mr. Ian Davidson has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Vancouver Art Gallery; a special consultant to the Banff Centre and the Canada Council; on the Board of Directors of the Contemporary Art Gallery (Vancouver); and a member of the City of Vancouver Special Council Committee on the Arts Advisory Board member of the National Gallery of Canada (1981-1994), Mr. Davidson has been on the Board of Directors of the Seattle Art Fair since 1992. He is also winner of the Seattle Art Fair Art Leadership Award for 1995.

Ms. Olga Korper is a Toronto art dealer who has lectured at a number of Canadian universities. She has served on several boards and committees, including the (Toronto) Mayor's Committee for Art and Tourism and the External Affairs Advisory Board for the 49th Parallel (New York). Past-president of the Professional Art Dealers Association of Canada and the PADAC Art Foundation, Ms. Korper is a trustee of both the Toronto Arts Awards Foundation and the Dundas Valley School of Art.

A partner in the Toronto law firm of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt since 1978,
Mr. Stephen B. Smart is an art collector and editor of Art, the Art Community, and the Law, published in 1994. A former member of the Ontario Crafts Council and the Corporate Art Collectors Group, Mr. Smart was a member of the Acquisition Committee of the Art Gallery of Ontario (1990-1993) and has been a member of the Public Art Commission of the City of Toronto since 1988.
Ms. Susan Whitney is owner and manager of the Susan Whitney Gallery in Regina, which specializes in sculpture, craft, folk art and paintings. President of the Professional Art Dealers' Association of Canada since 1990, a member of the Advisory Committee of the Canada Council Art Bank since 1992, and a member of the working group for Visual Arts and Crafts Study of Human Resources Development Canada, Ms. Whitney has been the subject of feature articles on "a new generation of art dealers" in a number of magazines, including Canadian Art, Chatelaine, and Flare.

The Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board regulates the export of cultural property and provides tax incentives to encourage Canadians to donate or sell objects to custodial institutions such as museums, art galleries, libraries and archives.

In making the announcement, Minister Dupuy said the appointments follow consultation with the constituencies and client groups served by the Review Board and reflect his personal commitment to appoint qualified individuals to the Board.

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